

Pacific Electric Warns Employees Against Leasing Company Will Not Sign Joint Leases for Oil Drilling With Buyers of Company Houses

The Pacific Electric is unopposed to drilling for oil in the restricted district of Torrance. It has written a letter to the employees who have purchased homes under the company's plan.

The letter informs the recipients that the company will not sign any leases for drilling within the restricted district, and advises buyers of company property not to consider under any circumstances.

A review of the present agitation against oil drilling in the restricted district, I think it advisable to you the benefit of such information as I have been able to obtain on this subject, and to call your attention to some of the conditions under which the Pacific Electric Land company is acting in leasing homes in Torrance and in the restricted district, and to the terms upon which the company is leasing any other section of the restricted district so far as I have been able to ascertain.

For Homes Only

Homes have been purchased under a plan which is limited to building purposes only, and cannot be diverted to speculative investments. About two years ago the company promised to join in certain conditions, in oil leases, in the Torrance tract, and in the restricted district, and management then felt that the inclusion of this practice would be the object of the Torrance plan, which was to assist in obtaining homes. It was decided that no more oil leases would be ratified, except in the restricted district, and all purchases of property thereafter were confined to the restricted district of the Torrance plan, which was restricted to residential purposes by the declaration of

3 BUILDINGS TO GO UP ON MARCELINA ST.

Forerunners of a brisk building boom in the Torrance business district, several transactions of importance have been consummated on Marcelina avenue within the past month.

Probability that three new business blocks will go up on this rapidly developing thoroughfare loomed up this week as a result of real estate activities.

Long Beach investors recently purchased Lots 21 and 22 on the south side of the street and are planning construction of a two-story building.

E. Mosk, whose two-story office and apartment building is now under construction on the property just west of the postoffice, has purchased Lot 7, adjacent to his present holdings. Mr. Mosk will construct another new building on this lot.

P. L. Parks, plumber, expects to build on Lot 24, Block 6, adjoining his present location.

The fact that the Southern California Edison company has leased half of the Mosk building now being built has attracted investors to the street. Hence the present activity.

The Edison company announced this week that their lease had been signed through the agency of Babcock & Jones, and that Mrs. M. E. Cleary, now in charge of the office at Hermosa Beach, will be in charge of the new office.

ELECTION DAYS FOR CHAMBER ARE SELECTED

Plans for the nomination and election of new directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce were perfected Tuesday.

Six directors are to be chosen. On November 23 ballots containing the names of all members in good standing will be mailed out to all members. Twelve will be voted upon from these lists. Nomination ballots must be returned to the Chamber of Commerce office by 6 p. m. December 7. On December 8 ballots containing the names of the twelve receiving the highest vote will be mailed. Members will then vote for six.

Members who have not paid their dues cannot vote, according to the by-laws of the Chamber of Commerce. Names of members whose dues are not paid will not appear on the nomination ballot.

The chamber's annual meeting, at which time new directors will take office, is set for December 17.

The six directors whose terms expire this year are Messrs. Teale, Goudier, Bartlett, Briney, LaBoeuf, and Post.

TRUSTEES MEET TONIGHT

Torrance trustees will meet tonight (Thursday) to hear expressions from the public on the proposed changes in the zoning ordinance.

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Local Production Now Approaching 25,000 Bbl. Mark

IT'S HERE

"Lang, Long, Lang Long." Heard the bell yet? Sounds unusual, doesn't it?

The first locomotive that ever entered the Torrance city limits rolled over the Santa Fe tracks up to Carson street last Saturday, hauling cars loaded with materials.

Since then it has been a frequent caller, and now steams its way across to Arlington street.

The Santa Fe is rushing the line through and laying track rapidly in order to have the new route to the harbor in operation around the first of the year.

Federal Gets 1700-Bbl. Gusher on Cedar Street

Three new wells brought the field's daily production close to the 25,000-barrel point this week.

The Federal Drilling company brought in a spectacular well in Hyman No. 1 on Cedar street Monday. The well blew in while the crew was setting oil string and sent oil to the crown block.

The well's flush production was 1700 barrels. It was completed at 3710 feet. There is 200 feet of perforated six-inch casing in the ole.

The Empire Drilling company brought in a 1500-barrel producer when Gladys No. 1 was put on production Wednesday afternoon. The well is located at Cedar and Pennsylvania on the Nesbit acre. It was completed at 3730 feet.

The Superior Oil company brought in Steinhilber No. 2 on the old Redondo road at a 1300-barrel rate Saturday.

Total production of the three new wells is 4500 barrels a day.

Despite the curtailment of drilling operations by several of the large companies in the field, owing to the present low price of petroleum, the local field went forward this week in production on new locations.

While the Superior Oil company, for example, stopped work on all its rigs but one, and while several other companies whose leases would permit of temporary cessation of operations quit work for a time, the program of offsetting that has caused much of the spirited development went forward in a new spur during the week.

Near Production

Chief interest, of course, centered in wells that are nearing production.

Doheny's ambitious program on the big Pan American lease will bear fruit in three new producing wells within two or three days. On this lease Torrance No. 2 and Torrance No. 3 will be given production tests late this week. Lomita No. 1 is also ready for a production test.

The crew was setting casing Thursday morning on Gilmore's Lomita No. 1 on Fir street.

Keck's Perham No. 1 at the old Redondo road and Cypress street is setting casing and will be swabbed for production Thursday night or Friday.

Chanstor-Canfield has five wells standing in cement. They are Torrance Nos. 13, 15, 17, 18 and 19.

Universal is waiting for a water test on its No. 1 well on Pepper street.

Bush Drilling company's Securities No. 2 was recomenced during the week. This well is on Acacia street.

Standard Cements

In the eastern extension Standard aroused interest and drew attention this week when 8 1/2-inch casing was cemented at 3550 feet on Dominguez No. 1. Superior has stopped drilling on the Joughlin lease, so east-side boosters are watching the Standard's operations and the Peterson-Barker wildcat in Torrance. The latter well is standing recomenced. The job was done on top of the oil formation and owners of the well are confident of production this time.

Julian has at last been able to get sufficient gas during the 24 hours of the day to keep three crews busy on his wildcat east of Lomita.

Chanstor-Canfield led the list in new locations during the week.

Derrick are being constructed for Kettler Nos. 3 and 4, on the north edge of the big lease along the old Redondo road. Both wells are offset.

Three For North

In the northern part of the field around Carson street the Santa Fe is building three new rigs.

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P. E. PROPOSAL TO CURB ALONG CABRILLO AVE. DRAWS COUNTER REQUEST FROM LOCAL CHAMBER

Unwilling to allow the Pacific Electric to construct curbing along both sides of its right of way on Cabrillo avenue, and unsatisfied with the company's proposal that the cost of widening crossings be shared by business interests and the municipality, directors of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday sent a new proposal to the company.

The proposal requests the company to lay crushed stone and oil along the right of way and to widen the streets, without curbing.

In case the company does not agree to this proposal, it will then be the city's move.

HERE IS LETTER

The proposal of the company is contained in the letter to Secretary Gadeky, which follows in full:

"Mr. H. F. Gadeky, Secretary Torrance Chamber of Commerce, 1207 El Prado Avenue, Torrance, California.

"Dear Sir:

"Assistant Engineer McClure recently called upon you and certain representatives of the city and business interests of Torrance, concerning betterment of right of way conditions in Cabrillo avenue, between Carson street and the Torrance depot.

"As stated to you on the ground, the following propositions were submitted to our company:

"1. Curbs should be placed along both sides of the Pacific Electric right of way, from the end of the present paved crossing near the depot and extending southerly to the crossing at Carson street. The cost of these curbs is estimated at \$1630.00.

"2. Paved crossing, 45 feet wide, proposed to be installed about midway between the present crossing near depot and Susana avenue.

"3. The present 25-foot crossing at Susana avenue proposed to be widened to 60 feet, by extending the crossing 35 feet north. To place the track in shape for these two crossings will cost approximately \$515.00, and the cost of paving the two crossings will be approximately \$720.00.

"4. The right of way to be smoothed and leveled off, given a coat of oil and covered with a light coat of screenings, this work to extend from the crossings near the depot, southerly to Carson street. The cost of this work is estimated at \$1660.00.

"In connection with widening the crossing at Susana avenue, it will be necessary to move one pole, at an estimated cost of \$65.00. I attach blueprint A. E. 3902, showing the location of the proposed improvements.

"I am informed by Mr. Pontius that in his opinion the following would be an equitable basis for the apportionment of the above expenses:

"1. The cost of widening the present crossing at Susana avenue and providing the proposed new crossing, including cost of moving the pole, track work and paving, should be borne by the city of Torrance. As above estimated, this cost would be \$1310.00.

"2. The cost of grading and covering the right of way with oil and screenings should be divided equally between the railway company and the business interests along Cabrillo avenue. The estimated cost of this work is \$1660.00, and would be divided \$830.00 to the railway company, \$830.00 to the business interests.

"3. The railway company should bear the cost of curbing the right of way, estimated at \$1630.00, and one-half the cost of the grading and oiling of the right of way, estimated at \$830.00, making the total railway share in the proposed improvement \$2460.00.

"Will you kindly consider this matter with the interested parties and let me have your views in order that we may make proper arrangements for the financing of the project, providing it is satisfactory to all concerned?

"I realize that you people are anxious to have something done, and the sooner we can come to some agreement, the better it will be for all of us.

"Yours very truly,

"E. C. JOHNSON,

"Chief Engineer."

C. OF C. TAKES ISSUE WITH SECRETARY SHELDON

Points Out Anti-Drilling Law to Education Secretary

Rumors that the board of education is considering the possibility of drilling for oil on the school property in Torrance were met by directors of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday when the directors instructed Secretary Harry Gadeky to notify Secretary W. A. Sheldon that the school property lies within the Torrance restricted district and cannot legally be drilled for oil.

The directors instructed Mr. Gadeky to acquaint Mr. Sheldon with the fact that the school property was sold by the Dominguez Land corporation for school purposes only, and that in addition an ordinance passed by the city trustees prohibits drilling in the restricted district, of which the school property is a part.

In view of the fact that the contemplated action of the board of education is illegal from at least two standpoints, the directors also instructed Secretary Gadeky to voice the surprise of the directors at the statement of Mr. Sheldon, proposing, as it did, breach of the law.

EASTERN STAR NEW OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

The newly elected officers of the Eastern Star are as follows: Worthy matron, Mrs. Clemma Watson; worthy patron, F. L. Parks; assistant matron, Mrs. Jean Guyan; secretary, Mrs. Mary Tomkins; treasurer, Mrs. Julia Johnson; conductress, Mrs. Persia Fess; assistant conductress, Mrs. Lorna Turner.

The appointive offices will be filled later.

The Eastern Star will give a dinner and dance in Masonic temple Tuesday, Nov. 20, for their families and members of the Masonic lodge.

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POINSETTIA FAIR

Members of the Ladies' Evangelical Guild are busily whipping their plans into shape for the big fair staged for Friday, Nov. 16, at Legion hall.

There are to be booths of various kinds and articles of every description for the children, as well as the grown-ups.

There will be beautiful articles of hand work and fancy work of every description. Aprons and dresses, rugs, quilts, plants and cut flowers, homemade mince and plum pudding.

A number of attractive booths are arranged for the kiddies, but it is likely that the grown-ups will patronize them as freely as the little folks.

There will be a popcorn booth, with popcorn balls, a Mother Hubbard cupboard, a wishing well, and a fortune-telling booth with a charming gypsy in costume.

A fine chicken dinner will be served from 5:30 until all have eaten. Music by the orchestra and some fine choruses and quartets during the dinner hour.

Dinner 75c for adults; 35c for children.

Come and join in and help to make this one grand good time.

Articles to be placed on sale not before 2:30 Friday afternoon.

Vote For Water Bonds

P.-T. A. Launches Drive for Members

The Parent-Teacher association met Wednesday afternoon at the Torrance high school. The attendance this month was just double that of the last meeting.

A short business session was held, in which a membership campaign was launched. Membership cards will be sent home with the children, and the grade bringing in the most members will receive a beautiful hand-painted picture.

Mrs. A. D. Putnam sang a group of two songs at the beginning of the program, "Daddy's Sweetheart" and "Spring Song," and another one at the close, "Then I Will Forget," which were greatly enjoyed by those present.

Miss Gertrude Olds of the Los Angeles public library spoke on "Books for Children."

LEAVES OIL JOURNAL

E. H. Badger requests The Herald to announce that he has severed his connection with the Torrance Oil Journal. Press of business duties necessitated the change, according to Mr. Badger.

Torrance Women Hear Mrs. Winter

Wednesday of this week was an eventful one for the Los Angeles District Federation of Women's Clubs. Representatives from 173 woman's clubs had the opportunity of hearing Mrs. Thomas G. Winter, president of the General Federation, in her brilliant and forceful address at the Trinity auditorium in Los Angeles.

The women who attended from Torrance were Mrs. J. A. Young, Mrs. W. M. Brooks, Mrs. F. L. Parks, Mrs. M. M. Gilbert, Mrs. Verda Hanson, Mrs. Phoebe Milburn, Mrs. Nettie Steinhilber, and Mrs. Winifred Barnard.

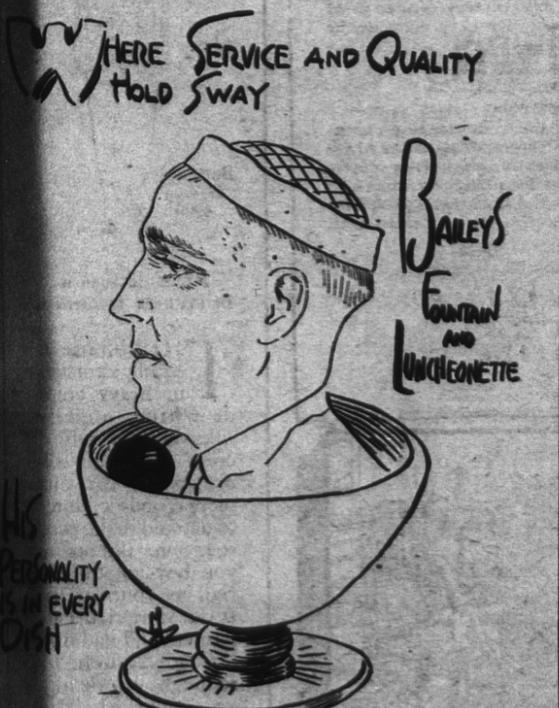
Mrs. Young, Mrs. Parks and Mrs. Steinhilber also attended the luncheon at the Biltmore, given in honor of Mrs. Winter.

ATTENDS MEETING

Rev. F. A. Zeller attended the meeting, held recently in Los Angeles, of the directors of the Pacific Home for Aged People. The institution is Evangelical, and is located at Burbank.

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MR. BAILEY'S LUNCHEONETTE



Never forget Bailey's Fountain Luncheonette, as long as I live. Torrance I will always remember this efficient and toothsome place. Such soup! Heavens, I poured a barrel of it at home when high noon called for a little luncheonette. Bailey is a master soup maker, and he approximates the genius of the gallon, and his patrons are sure. I would like to have a bit of that same soup in my pocket where it would be worth the price of the Crown Jewels. And even if it is worth its weight in gold, concocted with consummate health giving and delicious to the nth degree, Bailey's soups—he makes his genius in each variety—deserve to be the viduals immortal.

Mr. Bailey, while excelling in soups, pleases the palate of the Torrance people with a well chosen menu every day—all wholesome and as if home-prepared.

Good cookery can captivate a whole nation. It would seem that the little extensive arrangements of Bailey's Luncheonette & Fountain have given the whole scheme of eating something that it did not formerly possess. There is no confusion there, no large quantities and constantly heated atmosphere. Instead it is just as one may find at home, everything pleasant and a daily fare of enough assortment to satisfy and please the varying tastes of the people.

The fountain is a serviceable place. Modern, well managed and containing all those goodies that we Americans must simply have, this ice cool rendezvous is growing more and more popular with our people.

EDITORIAL

Industrial executive and business men in the city are presenting to the Pacific Electric company and the Santa Fe the obvious necessity for interchange of freight at Torrance.

With the Santa Fe rapidly completing its new freight line to the harbor through Torrance, local industries and business houses need the proposed interchange acutely.

The Herald strongly endorses the proposal and sees advantage to Torrance as well as to the railroad companies in the move. It would facilitate the routing and handling of both incoming and outgoing freight.

Business men believe that both companies are sufficiently appreciative of the value of Torrance good will to adopt the proposal.